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11th INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON TRICHOPTERA

Second Announcement and Call for Registration

Dear Friends and Colleagues:

As a representative of the conveners, I am pleased to cordially invite you to participate in the 11th International Symposium on Trichoptera, the first of this series in the 21st Century. Sessions will be held in the conference hall of Osaka Prefecture University, Sakai City, Osaka, and at Kutsuki-mura, Shiga Prefecture. The symposium will begin on 12 June, 2003 with an informal reception and mixer at the Hotel Sunroute Sakai. Formal oral and poster presentations will begin 13 June and end 16 June. On 17 June, we will move to Kutsuki-mura ('mura' means 'village') via Kyoto for a brief sightseeing and stay 2 nights at Kutsuki-mura with insect-collecting excursion etc. We will have more than half a day to collect caddis and other insects at a beautiful stream. A small group of local high school students will join us the collection. I greatly appreciate your participation and input into this symposium. We will bring you to Kyoto Station of JR Line in the morning of 19 June, where you can catch direct trains to Kansai International Airport or Shin-kansen trains.

Programs

The main scientific and business sessions will be held in the conference hall of Osaka Prefecture University. Other sessions and activities will be held in Kutsuki-mura, which is one of the finest countryside village in Kansai Region, and whose amenities include a fine public spa and a swimming pool.

We are presently considering the accompanying persons' programs, including sightseeing and shopping trips in Osaka and Sakai City, and in the nearby cities of Kyoto and Nara. By public transport, our campus is within one or two hours of the temples, shrines, palaces, castles and parks of Nara, Kyoto and Osaka.

Transportation and accommodation

The nearest international airport is Kansai International Airport (KIX), which is situated about one hour by train (JR Line or Nankai Line) from Osaka and Sakai City. There are many direct air services to KIX from Europe, America, Asia and Oceania. Persons arriving at Tokyo (Haneda or Narita airports) can easily reach Osaka by domestic flight to KIX or Itami (ITM: Osaka International Airport). Shin-kansen trains (bullet trains) also run between Tokyo and Shin-Osaka Station. Itami Airport and Shin-Osaka Station are about one and a half hours from our campus by public transport. You can catch an Express train or a Rapid train (with a stop at Sakai; needs extra fee of 500 yen) of Nankai Railway Co. at KIX and arrive at Sakai Station within about

30 mins. Some persons will be waiting to meet you at Sakai Station of Nankai Line (not JR Line). There are frequent train services between KIX and Sakai. Please take care not use JR Line and Rapit-alpha which does not stop until reaching Nanba Terminal.

We have reserved the Hotel Sunroute Sakai from 11 or 12 June to 17 June, and rooms are available for most participants (capacity 75 rooms: 120 persons). Expected rates are 6,000 yen for a single occupancy room and 11,000 yen for a twin occupancy room per night (including tax but without meals). Please contact me, if you need extra beds. Free shuttle buses will be available between the hotel and our campus in the mornings and evenings. You can also use some other hotels in Sakai or Osaka. At Kutsuki-mura, we will use cottages or local hotels similar to those at Itasca National Park at the 8th symposium. Here, the cost of accommodation for two nights (including meals, taxes and transportation) will be about 20,000 yen. We are presently trying to arrange some financial support to invite foreign participants to attend the Kutsuki-mura tour.

In early to mid-June, the average maximum temperature is 20 to 25 C and the average minimum is 15 C, much milder weather than in summertime. The rainy season starts in late June or early July, and so we should have relatively fine weather for the symposium.

Collection of Trichoptera and other insects

Japan does not have strict regulations regarding the collection and overseas export of insects, except within reserve areas and with regard to certain protected and endangered species. We are planning to prepare some collecting gear and preservatives, such as light traps, ethanol, etc. We will also have post-symposium excursions in Kanto and Hokkaido Areas. Please notify us should you wish to attend the Kanto or Hokkaido Excursions. Early to mid-June is the last part of the spring emergence of Trichoptera, and is the best season for collection.

Web site/ E-mail information

We will shortly open a web site and/or mail group concerning the 11th Trichoptera Symposium. We will notify respondees of this as soon as the site is launched.

We look forward to seeing you in June 2003.

Sincerely yours,


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